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March 15, 1969

BLACK STUDENT DEMANDS TO
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UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI,
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS
STUDENT AGITATION AGAINST
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

March 14, 1969, Chief of Campus Police Burnes Tatum, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, advised that between 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on March 14, 1969, approximately 30 to 35 Negro students from the University of Mississippi assembled in front of the Lyceum Building. In addition, he advised that someone had placed a black velvet cloth around one of the columns of this building.

Following this, Chief Tatum advised that the group walked to the home of Chancellor Porter Fortune and sat on his front porch and demanded that he come out and talk to them. He advised the Chancellor did come to the door and talked with the group, promising to consider demands previously made by the Negro students.

Chief Tatum advised that someone in the group told Chancellor Fortune that they would desire an answer by March 20, 1969. Tatum advised that there were no incidents or arrests and the group dispersed after the meeting with Chancellor Fortune.

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Fortune has advised he would consider the demands and meet with black students during the following week before March 20, 1969.

Tatum advised he alerted the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol; however, there were no incidents and immediately upon conversing with Chancellor Fortune, everyone left his home and returned to the dormitories.

The University of Mississippi has an enrollment of approximately 7,700 students, with over 100 Negro students.

Articles appeared in the Jackson, Mississippi, daily newspapers "The Jackson Daily News" and "The Clarion-Ledger," both dated March, 15, 1969; they are as follows:

"Claim Demonstration Peaceful"

"BLACK STUDENTS MAKE DEMANDS TO CHANCELLOR
OF OLE MISS"

"OXFORD, Miss. (AP)--The campus where 25,000 troops once enforced the court-ordered enrollment of one Negro student was the scene of a peaceful 'Black Student Union' demonstration Friday night.

"About 30 students, most of them Negro, marched to the home of Porter L. Fortune, Jr., chancellor of the University of Mississippi, and sat on his lawn and front steps until he came out and talked to them.

"An alarmed campus security officer called for assistance when he saw the march. A spokesman said 15 highway patrol units were summoned from the surrounding area.

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"The patrolmen, many of them veterans in the handling of civil rights clashes, parked at the edge of town. After conferring with Fortune, the students dispersed--and so did the patrol.

"A student spokesman told Chancellor Fortune the group wanted to find out whether he had the authority to act on a list of demands presented to him last week. If not, they planned to take them to the trustees.

"Fortune said he could deal with some of the issues and agreed to contact representatives of the group next week to discuss them.

"The students sat quietly on the lawn and steps for about 20 minutes before Fortune appeared at the door to talk with them.

"First, they gathered at the Lyceum, the old administration building where several hundred U. S. marshals were besieged by rioters through the long night of Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 1962, after James H. Meredith was brought on campus.

"Two men were killed and hundreds injured. The riot was put down with a massive display of federal power in one of the most serious federal - state controversies since the Civil War.

"But everything was peaceful Friday night. The demonstrators sang, chanted and hoisted a banner before marching to Fortune's nearby home.

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"Fortune said the list of student demands would not be made public.

"Informed sources said the list included the hiring of some Negro professors, establishment of courses in Negro history and desegregation of Ole Miss athletic program.

"Meredith, the first Negro to graduate from Ole Miss, now lives in New York City. The student body of some 7,500 now has over 100 Negroes."

"President Demands"

"BLACK STUDENT UNION APPROACHES FORTUNE"

"By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS"

"Chancellor Porter L. Fortune, Jr., revealed Friday the University of Mississippi is considering a list of demands made by the school's Black Student Union.

"Fortune said a delegation of Negro students presented the demands at a meeting in his office last week. He said the administration did not plan to make public the nature of the demands.

"However, informed sources told the Associated Press the list included the hiring of Negro professors, the establishment of courses in Negro history, desegregation of the University's athletic program, the hiring of Negro dormitory counselors and the addition of Negroes to the University staff.

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"In a telephone interview from Oxford, the Chancellor denied there was any organization on campus officially recognized as the Black Student Union. However, of the over 100 Negro full-time and part-time students attending the University, between 70 and 80 claim to be members of the organization.

"The Black Student Union was organized 11 months ago on the Oxford campus for the purpose of providing communications among the school's Negro students, providing a forum for programs of interest to Negro students and allowing them to gather periodically.

"After all, there really aren't too many places a Negro student can go in Oxford," one member said.

"The organization initially was controlled by Negro graduate and law students. However, in recent months more control has been passed to undergraduates, with the older students acting in an advisory capacity.

"A five-member advisory panel composed primarily of law students serves the black student union as a guidance and policy-making body.

"A spokesman said the major cause of ill feelings among the organization's membership is the administration's refusal to recognize them.

"It's not so much whether or not they meet all of our demands, but the administration is trying to pretend we don't exist. They won't even talk with us," he said.

"The union says it does not presently plan any type of militant acts or disruptions of campus activities."

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FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-New) (P)

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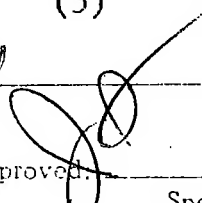
One copy of the LHM is being furnished to the
USA, Oxford, Mississippi, and two copies are being furnished
to MIGp, Jackson, Mississippi.

This matter is being closely followed and separate
cases are presently pending on the Black Students Union.
The identities of the officers and active members of the
Black Students Union are known to this office.

The Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent
developments.

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March 20, 1969

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI
STUDENT AGITATION AGAINST
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Reference is made to Jackson, Mississippi, memorandum dated March 15, 1969.

Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Investigator Dan Davis, Oxford, Mississippi, advised on March 17, 1969, that Chancellor Porter Fortune, Jr., University of Mississippi, agreed to meet with certain members of the student body to discuss demands previously made by individuals representing themselves as the Black Student Union group. Mr. Davis advised that this meeting took place at 3:30 p.m. on March 17, 1969, at Meek Hall on the University campus, and the University was represented by Chancellor Fortune, Dr. Frank Moak, Dean of Men, Dr. Alton Bryant, Vice-Chancellor, Colonel Whitney Stuart, Security Officer, and C. M. "Tad" Smith.

It was determined that approximately 50 Negro students were in attendance, and the only white student present was identified as David Lee Molpus.

Mr. Davis advised that the University officials who were present did not agree to meet any of the demands, but the meeting primarily consisted of complaints made by the Negro students, and apparently one of the main issues was the fact that the Black Student Union had not been recognized as an organization on the campus and had not been given a charter.

During the meeting, University officials pointed out to the leaders of this Black Student Union group that consideration

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had been given to their request for such a charter, but that the group had not complied with a previous request of the University to state in their charter that only members of the University of Mississippi were eligible to be a member of this group. In addition, it was pointed out by University officials that the proposed charter previously submitted by this group excluded white students which was contrary to the University policy and to the policy of the Health, Education and Welfare (HEW).

It was pointed out to the students that at present, all fraternities and sororities no longer have a clause in their charter excluding Negroes, and that a charter could not be issued to the Black Student Union unless they likewise complied.

One of the spokesmen for the Negro student group addressed his remarks to C. M. "Tad" Smith, Director of Inter-collegiate Athletics, and complained to him that there were no Negro athletes on either the University of Mississippi football team or basketball team. Smith replied to the group that he had immediate scholarships for any Negro who presented himself who was qualified for such a scholarship. He invited any member of the group to come forward at that time if they felt they were qualified in the athletic program, and immediate efforts would be made to furnish that person with a scholarship. At this point, the matter was dropped by this group.

During this meeting, Dan Davis advised that a few of the Negro students attempted to argue with Dr. Frank Moak, Dean of Men, and stated they loudly voiced their demands for the hiring of three Negro Campus Security officers, five members to be given scholarships in the football program, and two in the basketball program. In addition, they demanded that the

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University immediately employ Negro professors, primarily in the field of black history.

Mr. Davis advised that no arrests were made at this meeting.

Mr. George M. Street, Director of Development, University of Mississippi, advised on March 18, 1969, that the purpose of agreeing to meet with this group on March 17, 1969, was to discuss the problems of mutual concern and not to respond to student demands. He stated that in effect, this was the manner in which the University officials could be officially notified of their demands, which would be taken under study. He advised a similar meeting has been scheduled with this group for 3:00 p.m. on March 25, 1969, on campus.

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Re Jackson airtel to Bureau, 3/15/69.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10768)

DATE: March 24, 1969

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: BLACK STUDENT DEMANDS TO
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI
RM "STAG"

With reference to DAVID LEE MOLPUS, the white student from the Univ. of Mississippi mentioned in serial 7 of this file, it was determined from Chief of Campus Police BURNES TATUM on March 24, 1969 that MOLPUS presently resides in the Married Student Housing unit, Building 104, ~~Rm~~ Apt. 4, and has telephone number 234-7576.

He is originally from Chesterfield, S. C. and his father is C. A. MOPLUS, 116 Park Drive, Chesterfield, S. C.

MOLPUS is married to the daughter of Dr. JOHN SYKES HARTIN, Director of Libraries and Professor of Library Science, University of Mississippi.

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Dr. Fortune Recognizes Black Union

UNIVERSITY — Chancellor Porter L. Fortune Tuesday officially recognized the Black Students Union as a campus organization.

Dr. Fortune congratulated the Black Students for revising the charter so that it could be recognized. The new charter submitted would limit membership to students of the University.

After his meeting with the black students, Dr. Fortune issued the following statement:

"I have approved the recommendations from the Committee on Student Organizations and Recreation that the Black Students Union be officially recognized as a campus organization. I congratulate you upon your having revised your charter so that it could be approved.

RECRUITING

"In addition to your concern for the approval of the Black Students Union as recognized campus organization, we discussed at our last meeting the recruitment of black athletes and athletics recruiters, teachers, counselors, campus security officers, administrators, and a chaplain as well as courses in Black History, Civil Rights, and Black Literature.

"Although I appreciate your concern in these areas, I can not in all honesty promise immediate, effective implementation of programs in these areas. I believe that we will all recognize that the recruitment of individuals whether they be athletes, teachers or administrators is a two-way process.

DIFFICULT TASK

"Recruitment of well qualified personnel is always a difficult task. Not only must we

identify such individuals, we must persuade them to come to the University of Mississippi. We have no procedure by which we can insist that any individual cast his lot with us. I will say in all good conscience that I hope we will be able to find qualified black people to accept these positions with us, but I do not feel capable of placing a time schedule for this accomplishment.

"I will shortly request the Academic Council and the faculty to study curriculum development which would encompass such areas as Black History, Civil Rights, Black Literature, and Ethnic and Minority groups. Again, curriculum if it is soundly conceived and based upon a proper body of knowledge, will in itself require time.

"I assure you that your interests will be given careful consideration by the Administration and by the faculty. In the future, I will be happy to meet with the designated representatives of the Black Students Union to discuss areas of interest and concern just as I shall meet with other student groups for the same purpose. Above all, we must keep the lines of communication open to discuss our problems openly and dispassionately."

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TO : SAC (157-10768)

DATE: May 26, 1969 *cc*

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: BLACK STUDENT LEADS
TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Col WHITNEY D. STUART, Security Officer, University of Mississippi advised on May 26, 1969 that there have been no recent demands made by the Black students. He advised that one of the previous demands was that Negro Campus Police officers be hired. He stated the University has already hired one such officer.

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Will maintain contact with Col STUART and the Campus Police concerning this matter

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10768)

DATE: July 18, 1969

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: BLACK STUDENTS DEMANDS TO
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
UNIV. OF MISS. OXFORD, MISS.

Col. WHITNEY D. STUART, Security Officer, University of Mississippi advised on July 18, 1969 that he has no information that there will be any student demands during the Summer session at the University.

He is of the opinion that after the Fall session begins in September, 1969, the black students will possibly reorganize and make further demands.

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Will maintain contact with University of Miss officials.

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TO : SAC (157-10768)

DATE: September 27, 1969

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: BLACK STUDENT DEMANDS TO SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATION, UNIV. OF MISS.
OXFORD, MISS,

Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK, Univ. of Miss.,
Oxford, Mississippi advised on September 22, 1969 that in view of the
large enrollment of Negro students in the Sept., 1969 registration, he
believes the Black Student Union will soon be making certain demands of
the Univ..

He advised he will keep this office advised of any such new demands.

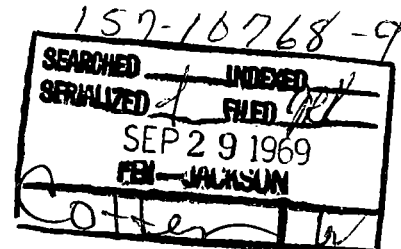
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Will maintain contact with Chief of Campus Police POPERNIK.

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TO : SAC (157-10768)

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FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: BLACK STUDENTS DEMANDS TO
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
UNIV. OF MISS. OXFORD, MISS.

Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi advised on October 27, 1969 that since the September, 1969 registration at the Univ. of Mississippi, members of the Black Student Union have met several times at Meek Hall on campus with permission of the University Administration.

To date, Chief POPERNIK advised the Black Student Union (BSU) has made no new demands to the University.

He pointed out that during the Viet Nam Moratorium held on October 15, 1969, the BSU held their demonstration and had no connection with the ~~black~~ white group.

Chief POPERNIK will keep the FBI advised of developments.

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Will maintain contact with Chief POPERNIK.

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TO : SAC (157-10768)

DATE: December 19, 1969

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: BLACK STUDENT DEMANDS
TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
UNIVERSITY OF Mississippi
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, advised on December 3, 1969 that a group of the Black Student Union Members had demanded a hearing before Chancellor PORTER L. FORTUNE on December 5, 1969 to make a demand that the University hire FRANKLIN D. CLECKLEY, a Negro law professor at the West Virginia College of Law, Morgantown, West Va.

Chief POPERNIK advised on December 19, 1969, the meeting took place without incident and that the matter is being considered concerning the hiring of this Negro professor.

This matter will be followed.

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Maintain contact with Chief POPERNIK.



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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10768)

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FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: BLACK STUDENT DEMANDS
TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Chief of Campus Police, RICHARD POPERNIK, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss., advised on 2/23/70, that no recent demands have been made concerning black students other than a demand made to hire a Negro law professor, FRANKLIN D. CLECKLEY.

He advised that as far as he knows CLECKLEY is under consideration as a potential professor to be hired at the University of Mississippi Law School.

He stated that members of the Black Student Union recently requested permission to hold a program of Black History Week at the University of Mississippi from 2/8/70 through 2/14/70 and that permission was granted for this occasion.

He advised he has no reason at this time to believe that student demonstrations will take place involving members of this group, however, will keep this office informed.

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Will maintain contact with Chief of Campus Police, RICHARD POPERNIK concerning any black student demands made to the school administration.

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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10768) (P)

DATE: 4/30/70

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: BLACK STUDENT DEMANDS
TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
OXFORD, MISS.

Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK, University of Miss., Oxford, Miss., has been contacted on a continuing basis concerning this matter.

When last contacted on 4/28/70, he advised that numerous demands have been made by black students of the school administration and stated that on February 27, 1970, numerous black students of the University of Miss., presented him with a list of 27 demands covering numerous items such as employment of black instructors, coaches, counselors, dormitory managers, barbers, deans, recruiters, athletes, and others. This group in addition demanded incorporation of black study programs highlighting the contributions of black people in the field of literature history, the fine arts, and so forth. They were also critical of the hiring of black employees in janitorial work as well as cafeteria work and no appointments as clerks or secretaries. In addition, they demanded to be represented in the associated student boyd leadership and representation of blacks on the student judicial council. (A list of the exact demands made on this date can be located in File 100-1552, Serial 15, page 8.)

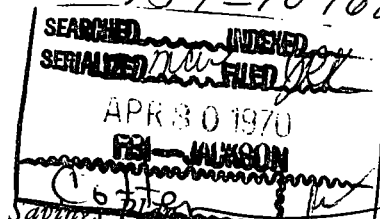
Chief POPERNIK advised that since these demands have been made, several additional demands have been made in the form of protest signs on campus and stated that the most recent demand is scheduled for April 30, 1970, where they will voice demands by carrying signs being critical of the Board of Trustees, the Campus Security Office, and the Student Judicial Council.

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Chief POPERNIK pointed out that the university has carefully reviewed all demands made by black students on each occasion and every effort is being made to meet demands which are considered to be reasonable.

He pointed out in this connection that members of the school administration have been meeting with black students at their request concerning their grievances.

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AT OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Will continue to maintain contact with Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK concerning this matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10768) (P)

DATE: 6/30/70

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: BLACK STUDENT DEMANDS TO
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UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK, University of Miss., Oxford, Miss., advised on 6/25/70, that the University of Miss. has carefully reviewed the list of 27 demands made by black students, one of which was to employ black professors and faculty members.

In this regard, he advised that within the past week, Chancellor PORTER L. FORTUNE, JR., appointed JEANETTE JENNINGS, a Negro female from Hattiesburg, Miss., to serve as an Assistant Professor of Sociology. Chief POPERNIK advised that JEANETTE JENNINGS received her Bachelor's degree from Jackson State College and a Master's Degree from Tulane University in Social work.

He advised also that he currently has two Negro campus security officers on duty and has hired a third Negro officer who will assume duties on July 1, 1970. He pointed out that this was another one of the 27 demands made by black students.

He further stated that in connection with demands made concerning black athletes, the Athletic Department is actively attempting to recruit qualified athletes in all sports.

He concluded by stating that there have been no recent demands made of the university administration, however, he anticipates that after the Fall semester, 1970, there will be additional demands made by the Black Student Union.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10768) (P)

DATE: 8/24/70

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: BLACK STUDENT DEMANDS
TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNICK, University of Miss., Oxford, Miss., when last contacted concerning this matter on 8/21/70, advised that the University is still making every reasonable effort to meet the list of 27 demands previously made by black students.

He advised that there have been no recent demands made to the administration or to his office and he has positive information that the Athletic Department of the University is urgently attempting to recruit black athletes.

In addition he advised that he has determined that a survey is being made for material in connection with black history courses and the University hopes to meet many of these demands which are within reason.

POPERNICK anticipates additional meetings and demands of the University following the September, 1970 registration when members of the BSU are able to meet as a group and make their plans for future demands.

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AT OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Will continue efforts to follow and report certain meetings and demands made by black students of the University administration.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10768) (P)

DATE:

10/23/70

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: BLACK STUDENT DEMANDS
TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI,
OXFORD, MISS.

This matter has been closely followed with Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK, University of Miss., Oxford, Miss., and when last contacted concerning this matter on October 21, 1970, advised that to his knowledge, there have been no demands made by black students during the current semester. He pointed out that since September 15, 1970, he knows of two small groups meeting involving black students which were held in an effort to establish additional membership in the Black Student Union. He advised he has a source close to this group and has received information that a meeting is planned at 8:00 p.m., at Connor Hall on campus the night of October 21, 1970. He stated the purpose of this meeting is to ascertain from the group of new Negro students and old students whether or not they are satisfied with the current University of Miss., administration insofar as black students are concerned. He stated that the athletic department is still very actively attempting to recruit black athletics and professors who are qualified.

He advised he would keep this office informed concerning any demands made by this group.

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JACKSON DIVISION

AT OXFORD, MISS.

Will continue to follow activities of the Black Student Union and report any demands made by this group.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10768) (P)

DATE: 12-28-70

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: BLACK STUDENT DEMAND TO
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
UNIVERSITY OF MISS.,
OXFORD, MISS.

Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK, UM, Oxford, Miss., advised on 12-18-70, that members of the Black Student Union continue to meet frequently in the YMCA Building and the Office of Black Campus Minister, Reverend WAYNE JOHNSON. He stated, however, that no recent demands have been presented to the University Administration, however, the previous 27 demands are still on file. In this connection, he stated that every effort is being made to meet any of the reasonable demands previously made by this group.

With reference to one of the previous demands, for employing black security police officers, he advised he recently employed CHARLES WOODS, a Negro male, who resides at Water Valley, Miss., who has been employed since about July, 1970. He advised that WOODS has attended the police training academy at Whitfield, Miss., and attained one of the highest grades ever made for the course at the academy.

POPERNIK advised that he plans to promote WOODS to an investigator and has him in line for a sergeant's rank.

With reference to recruiting black athletes, which was also a demand previously made by black students, he advised that the university has recruited a Negro, COOLIDGE BALL, who is an excellent basketball varsity team player and stated that from all indications the entire student body supports BALL as one of the teammates.

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He stated that recently the basketball recruiting team had obtained a player from north Mississippi, and one from the Gulf Coast; however, they failed to sign with Ole Miss.

He pointed out that it is a known fact to the Black Student Union that the univeristy is making all reasonable efforts to comply with their demands and requests of the University Administration. He believes that this is one reason that members of the Black Student Union have not demonstrated and protested publicly as in the past.

In addition, he volunteered that he believes Reverend WAYNE JOHNSON has recently taken a very active part in talking with members of the Black Student Union and has been a leader of this group and has been responsible for the almost dormant major of demands.

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JACKSON DIVISION

AT OXFORD, MISS.

Will continue to report activities in the above matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (100-1552) (P)

DATE: 2-26-71

FROM : SA JOHN DENNIS MILLER

SUBJECT: DISTURBANCES AT UNIVERSITY OF
MISSISSIPPI, OXFORD,
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On 2-25-71, RICHARD POPERNIK, Chief of Campus Security, University of Miss. (UM), Oxford, advised that on the evening of 2-24-71, JESSE DENT requested and was given permission to met with the Young Democrats at Connor Hall located on the campus at the university.

POPERNIK continued that also occurring on the night of 2-24-71, was an artist series performance in Fulton Chapel with DONALD JOHANOS conducting the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. POPERNIK advised that he was fearful for trouble on the campus as 2-24-70, was the day that several black students marched into Fulton Chapel and disrupted the "up with people: goodwill singing group.

POPERNIK continued that at approximately 9:00 p.m. a group of 14 black students left the YMCA building with WILHEIM JOSEPH and JESSE DENT leading and marched to the east side of Fulton Chapel. During the intermission of the artist series, these 14 black students entered Fulton Chapel but left as soon as the lights were dimmed signaling the beginning of the second half of the program. Upon leaving Fulton Chapel, the black students heckled University Campus Security Officers and moved on to the Student Union Building thereafter, returning to the YMCA building.

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The blacks called "get the pigs" and "down the pigs".

There were no altercations and no arrests were made.

Chief POPERNIK continued that in an article appearing in the university newspaper, the Daily Mississippian on 2-25-71, is an article about the fact that it was one year ago that black students disrupted the "up with people" concert at Fulton Chapel. Included in this article is a comment by WILHEIM JOSEPH who is identified as a black law student to the effect that white students at the UM are "victims of thought control" and that JOSEPH has no hope for changes among university administrative officials. JOSEPH is quoted in the paper as saying "change will come only by death and time and I wish them a quick death".

POPERNIK advised he has seen JOHN BRITTAIN on several occasions in and around the UM Law School. He advised that to his knowledge, BRITTAIN is still an attorney for the north Mississippi Rural Legal Services located in Oxford, Mississippi. POPERNIK stated that he once passed BRITTAIN on the sidewalk outside of the law school a few weeks ago and spoke briefly with him. POPERNIK stated he asked BRITTAIN if he were teaching in the law school and BRITTAIN replied that he was there "trying to get an education". POPERNIK advised he does not know if BRITTAIN is attending the Ole Miss Law School and stated university records indicate that a JAMES BRITTAIN is enrolled in the university law school but there is no indication that a JOHN BRITTAIN is enrolled in the law school.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10738) (P)

DATE: 4-28-71

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: MEETINGS TO DISCUSS
DEMANDS TO BE REQUESTED
OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION,
UNIVERSITY OF MISS.,
OXFORD, MISS.

Chief of Campus Security RICHARD POPERNIK, University of Miss., Oxford, Miss., advised on 4-23-71, that his department is still attempting to comply with demands made by all students at the University of Miss. In this connection, he advised that a recent meeting was held of the faculty senate on campus at which time some of the Negro students again brought up the fact that not all of the 27 demands previously made had been fulfilled by the University Administration. He advised that at this meeting, one student, name unknown, suggested that members of the campus police receive some sort of training in connection with minority groups and problems encountered by black students with the campus police officers. In this connection, POPERNIK advised that his department has just had a three-day school concerning this topic.

He also advised that members of the black student council have repeatedly critized the athletic program at the University of Miss., particularly the recruiting of black athletes and their desire to employ additional black faculty members.

He advised that on the night of April 22, 1971, the new head coach, BILLY KINARD, met with the associated student body in Fulton Chapel on campus between 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. at which time he attempted to answer all questions concerning athletic scholarships. He advised this was an orderly meeting, however, many of the black students were critical of the fact that athletic scholarships

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are not being offered to Negroes and are not included in the athletic program. POPERNIK pointed out that the University of Miss., currently has two Negro football players and three basketball players and are actively recruiting in the field of black athletes.

He advised that the group who met with Coach KINARD was composed primarily of members of the Young Democrats and Black Student Union.

He concluded by stating that this was an orderly meeting and advised he will keep this office posted concerning any problem in regard to this matter.

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JACKSON DIVISION

AT OXFORD, (LAFAYETTE COUNTY) MISS.

Will maintain contact with Chief of Campus Security
RICHARD POPERNIK.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10768) (P)

DATE: 6/29/71

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: BLACK STUDENT DEMANDS
TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Chief of Campus Police, RICHARD POPERNIK, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, advised on 6/25/71, that he knows of no recent demands made by black students, and he knows of no recent meetings to discuss demands of the student administration by either white or black students.

He pointed out that the summer session, 1971, has been very quiet so far, and he does not anticipate any particular problems during the summer session. He volunteered that for the most part, students who take summer courses are teachers who are working on higher degrees, and those students who actually attend summer sessions are desirous of obtaining an education rather than causing dissent and trouble during the summer months.

With reference to the Black Student Union on campus, he advised there is a large enrollment of Negro students for the summer session, and he has heard that there have been some meetings in the recent days of the Black Student Union looking forward to the election of officers for that organization.

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JACKSON DIVISION

AT OXFORD, (LAFAYETTE COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

Will maintain contact with Chief of Campus Police, RICHARD POPERNIK, concerning any demonstrations or demands made on campus.

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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10768) (P)

DATE: 8/30/71

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: EXTREMIST MATTERS -
BLACK STUDENT DEMANDS,
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI,
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Assistant Chief of Campus Police JOHN TIDWELL, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, advised on 8/23/71, that during the summer session of 1971 there have been no black student demands or meetings to discuss demands by any group.

With regard to the Black Student Union on campus, he advised that one of the demands previously made was to hire black campus police officers and stated that recently he appointed one of his black patrolmen, CHARLES BLACK, to the position of investigator.

He stated that approximately one week ago, examinations were given for Sergeants positions in his department and Patrolman MURRY PATTON, a Negro male, made the second highest score. He stated that the white Sergeant who was given the appointment had indicated that he plans to resign and stated that Patrolman MURRY PATTON will be made the new Sergeant.

In addition to the above, he pointed out that he has employed two white female patrolmen who work the evening and night shift on campus. He advised that both of these individuals were white; however, he is attempting to secure the services of a black female to be added to the department.

He advised that he is also making efforts to locate a black secretary to be used in the office of the campus police and has taken applications for this position.

With reference to the two above-mentioned white police women, he advised that they have taken firearms training along with



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the men in the department and are scheduled to go to the Mississippi Training Academy at Whitfield, Mississippi, within about two months.

He advised that the Black Student Members have been quiet during the summer of 1971; however, had observed them on occasion meeting with Reverend WAYNE JOHNSON, Campus Minister for Black Student Union.

TIDWELL stated that he anticipates a large enrollment of Negro students for the fall, 1971 semester, and the entire enrollment has been estimated to be approximately 8,300 students.

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JACKSON DIVISION

AT OXFORD (LAFAYETTE COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

Will continue to maintain contact with Assistant Campus Police Chief, JOHN TIDWELL, and report results of any meetings or demands made by any group on campus.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10768) (P)

DATE:

10/28/71

FROM : ~~ROBIN O. COTTEN~~
SA ~~HERMAN J. LATTUS~~

SUBJECT: EXTREMIST MATTERS -
BLACK STUDENT DEMANDS,
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI,
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Assistant Chief of Campus Police JOHN TIDWELL, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss., when last contacted concerning this matter on 10/21/71, advised that since the September, 1971, term began there has been no trouble whatsoever in connection with meetings or demands by either Negro or white students.

With reference to the activities of the white "hippie-type" students, he advised he has instituted an investigation concerning the potential troublemakers and has been successful in obtaining photographs of several of the suspected troublemakers. He advised he is compiling a separate file on each of these persons and has instructed all members of his department to observe their activities.

With respect to the activities on the part of the Black Student Union, he advised that there is a large enrollment at the present time of Negro students and from his observations, it appears that the majority of the Negro students are members of the Black Student Union. He advised, however, there has been no problem with the Black Student Union and stated they periodically have orderly meetings at the Y Building on campus.

He stated that recently his department was commended in the University of Mississippi daily newspaper, "The Mississippian", for elevating a Negro police officer to the position of sergeant as well as making a Negro patrolman an investigator.

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He advised that at the present time he does not contemplate any problem on the part of the Black Student Union and stated they have made no recent demands.

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AT OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI (LAFAYETTE COUNTY)

Will continue to maintain contact with the University of Mississippi Police Department and furnish any information to this file concerning potential problems.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10738) (P)

DATE: 12/30/71

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: MEETINGS TO DISCUSS DEMANDS
TO BE REQUESTED OF SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATION,
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI,
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI
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Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNICK, University of Miss., Oxford, Miss., when last contacted concerning this matter, on 12/23/71, advised that he has experienced no real difficulty with any students on campus in recent months.

He stated that the white group identified as the "New Left or Hippie" group have their organization known as the Coalition for Progress and stated they meet about once a week usually on Wednesday nights after receiving permission from the university administration to hold such a meeting. He advised that usually there is a small number of white students in attendance.

He advised there have been no demands made by this group during the current school semester.

With reference to the Black Student Union (BSU), he advised that members of this group meet at the office of Rev. WAYNE JOHNSON, Adviser and Minister for the BSU at the "Y" Building on various nights. He stated that no request is made for any of these meetings and none is required.

He stated that he has had no problem with any of the members of the Black Student Union, however, stated on the night of 12/10/71, a small group of Negro students standing in front of the "Y" Building shouted the word "pig" to one of his police cruisers as they passed the area. He stated thereafter on the same evening another small group of 4 or 5 Negro students were assembled in front of the Student Union

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Building and this group also shouted "pig" at a passing police cruiser.

Chief POPERNICK advised that there were no incidents and this is the first time in recent months that any of the students either Negro or white have been discourteous in any manner to members of his department.

He stated that on the night of 12/14/71, Negro JULIAN BOND from Atlanta, Ga., was a guest speaker at Fulton Chapel on campus, having been invited as a guest speaker by the O. D. K. Mortarboard and stated that about 1200 persons were in attendance and about 2/3 of these individuals were white. The group was predominately students.

He stated that there was no problem during this speech and that at the conclusion of the speech JULIAN BOND had a question and answer period.

He stated, however, that he did not engage in any arguments with spectators and requested that any questions posed for his answer be prepared in writing on a card and given to him for discussion. He advised that apparently BOND was very selective in discussing certain questions posed by the audience.

POPERNICK concluded by stating that he anticipates the activities of the Black Student Union and a group known as the Coalition for Progress will increase after the January, 1972, session begins and volunteered that he believes the interest in the football season was instrumental in keeping down any trouble.

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JACKSON DIVISION

AT OXFORD (LAFAYETTE COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

Will continue to follow and report activities on campus at the University of Mississippi.

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Source advised that the Black Student Union (BSU) currently is arranging a program for the Black History Week which is always held at the University of Mississippi during the month of February of each year. He advised that in the past the meetings were held for an entire week; however, he stated for the 1972 Black History Week Session, arrangements have been made for the meeting to be held from February 16, 1972, and end on February 18, 1972.

He advised that he was assisting in the selection of participants for Black History Week.

Source advised that he did not anticipate any problem on campus during this period of time.

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Source advised that arrangements have been completed concerning the Black History Week and stated the discussions will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Bondurant Hall Auditorium and stated that individuals selected as speakers have been identified as JEANETTE JENNINGS, Associate Professor of Sociology, who is the first Negro member of the University of Mississippi faculty. He advised that also a speaker has been selected and identified him as WILHELM JOSEPH, a law student and former president of the BSU.

Source advised that BSU Vice President JOHN FAIR is coordinator for the activities and stated FAIR has issued a statement that the panel will deal with both physiological and practical aspects of Pan-Africanism, relating to the lives of university students.

FAIR has described the Pan-Africanism as "one of the Avant-Garde movements" among blacks today.

Source advised the group also plans a black art exhibition which will be held in Bishop Hall on campus. He pointed out that one of the highlights of the Black History Week will be an art exhibition with some of the works of a

graduate student PHILLIP DOTSON, who is also a member of the BSU.

He stated that a special production had been prepared by two graduate theater majors and these individuals are identified as JAMES PETERS and Miss I. D. THOMPSON which production will be dealing with Black History.

Source advised that the week's activities will be concluded on Friday, February 18, 1972, at an Afro-American Ball which is only open to students who are now members or who have held membership in the Black Student Union. He advised that white students will not be allowed to attend this function.

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Source on this date advised that he was not in Oxford on the night of 2/22/72 during the speech made by CARL BRADEN who spoke in defense of the Republic of New Africa (RNA). Source stated, however, he has been in close contact with other members of the BSU who were present during this speech and stated that BRADEN called on those people present to go to Jackson and oppose the trial of the RNA members in March, 1972. He advised one of the students who was present quoted BRADEN as asking them to go to Jackson and "raise holy hell" in an effort to disrupt the trial.

Source advised that he has no information that any students who are members of the BSU plan any such tactics and stated further that Reverend WAYNE JOHNSON has cautioned students against engaging in such tactics.

Source, with reference to Black History Week, advised that he was able to attend all meetings and stated there was not a very large turnout for this year's Black History Week.

He advised that three white students did make an appearance on one occasion at one session of the Black History Week but obviously were not welcome.

He advised that only twenty-four persons attended the opening meeting of this session and panelist were law

students, one of them identified as LEWIS MYERS. Source advised that MYERS made the statement that the minds of black Americans are what white Americans have made them. He stated "we are an African people. To say that we are Afro-Americans is giving credit to a people (white) who primarily do not deserve it but we can't be separate from them if we believe in the same thing they do." MYERS said that American institutions, because they are primarily white oriented, have conditioned black minds to accept white premises, which deprives blacks of their own minds. He stated that black reaction to this is the root of Pan-Africanism. MYERS further made the statement, "Ours is primarily a struggle to win minds and we have to get out of our minds the mind of the man who does not look like us." MYERS also stated, "We are intimately related to all non-whites in the world," and further stated, "Africans cannot afford the luxury of individualism. We have to think in terms of 'we living'."

Source advised that there is a meeting scheduled by the BSU for March 2, 1972, and stated that there apparently is unrest in the ranks of the BSU and he is not sure why the meeting has been called.. He advised he would make this information available following the meeting inasmuch as he plans to be in attendance.

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On 3/22/72, source advised that the scheduled meeting of members of the Black Student Union (BSU) for the night of 3/2/72, was held at the Y Building, 3rd Floor, on campus, in the office of Reverend WAYNE JOHNSON. Source advised that the purpose of this meeting was to vote on leadership of the BSU and that the group currently operates under advice given them by Rev. JOHNSON, allowing the undergraduate students to be officers and run the activities without interference by older students.

It was pointed out that previously, graduate students and law students had leadership in the BSU and were very active in making protests as well as conducting actual demonstrations on campus.

Source advised that the group elected not to accept leadership from the older students, and he advised that WILHELM JOSEPH, a law student, was very active at the meeting in attempting to assume leadership of the BSU. JOSEPH desired to make demands of the University for additional black athletes, black instructors, black history courses, and condemned the campus police for arresting black students on traffic violations.

According to source, WILHELM JOSEPH advocated demonstrating in front of the campus police office; however, this was voted down. Source advised that he sees no change in the operation of the BSU at this time, and things appear normal.

On 3/28/72, source was recontacted advised that the BSU continues to meet at least once a week, sometimes at Room 120 in Conner Hall on campus and at other times in the office of Rev. WAYNE JOHNSON at the Y Building.

He recalled that at the last meeting, there was no discussion concerning any planned protests and the meeting

only consisted of planning a picnic at Sardis Reservoir near Oxford, Miss.

On 4/26/72, source advised that he was present on campus on 4/18/72, when JAMES H. MEREDITH, the first Negro to enroll at the University of Mississippi, appeared on campus for the first time since 1963, when he graduated from that university. He advised that MEREDITH was observed in the company of Rev. WAYNE JOHNSON, who conferred at length with WAYNE JOHNSON about the racial atmosphere on campus at the present time. Source advised that MEREDITH spoke to a history class on this date, apparently based on an invitation previously made by a Dr. DAVID SANSING and following the discussion to the history class, MEREDITH was observed walking around the campus shaking hands and "politicking" for the public office he currently is seeking.

Source advised that many members of the BSU introduced themselves to MEREDITH and conversed with him at length throughout the afternoon. He advised that on the night of 4/18/72, MEREDITH made an appearance at the Civic Club on Hwy. 6 West, where a group of approximately 150 Negroes appeared to greet him and talk with him concerning his race for public office. Source advised that the group took up a collection amounting to approximately \$75, which was given to MEREDITH.

Source advised that he anticipates no problems at the present time with the BSU and feels he is in a position to maintain contact with them on a daily basis and he is at all of the meetings.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10768) (P)

DATE: 6/28/72

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: BLACK STUDENT DEMANDS
TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION,
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI,
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI
EM

Chief of Campus Police JOHN TIDWELL, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss., when last contacted concerning this matter on 6/26/72, advised that there is a very large summer enrollment at the University of Mississippi.

He stated that he has not observed any activities on the part of the Black Student Union, and there have been no meetings of students, either black or white, to make demands against the University administration.

He advised that he observes from time to time groups of black students going to the Y Building, where they generally meet at the office of Rev. WAYNE JOHNSON.

He does not anticipate any problems during the summer semester but stated he and his officers are alert to any potential problems in this regard.

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EM

Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss., advised on August 23, 1972, that the second summer session at the University of Mississippi, ended on August 18, 1972. He advised that throughout the summer session there were no meetings held by either black students or white students who were members of the Coalition for Progress. He stated; however, that he anticipated that after the fall semester which begins after registration on August 29, 1972, that members of the Black Student Union and the white faction known as the Coalition for Progress will no doubt begin having regularly scheduled meetings.

He advised that he has sources who will attend the meetings of the white students; however, he has no actual sources inside the Black Student Union.

He advised that demands made by the black students as well as the white students are generally presented in the form of demands or in the form of a petition to the University of Mississippi Police Department, or to the Counselor of the University. He advised he will keep this office advised concerning any meetings or demands made of the University administration or any demonstrations.

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Will maintain contact with COP RICHARD POPERNIK
and Assistant Chief of Campus Police JOHN TIDWELL
concerning this matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10738) (P)

DATE: 10/31/72

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: MEETINGS TO DISCUSS
DEMANDS TO BE REQUESTED
OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

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Date 12/8/72

Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, advised on 10/23/72, that there have been no real problems in connection with members of the Black Student Union in recent months. He pointed out that the group still meets once or twice a week at Y Building on campus at the office of Reverend WAYNE JOHNSON who is minister for the Black Student Union and advisor for this group.

He advised there have been no demands recently made against the university administration or by black students, however, stated that he understands a publication known as "The Spectator", the Black Student Union's newspaper, plans to publish a newspaper in November, 1972. He advised that his information indicates that "The Spectator's" first issue will reportedly include many of the problems that "plague" black students at the University of Mississippi.

He advised he is of the opinion that the publication of this newspaper by the Black Student Union might have some effect on the black students as a group which might cause them to protest or demonstrate for some of their demands.

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Will continue to follow this matter with Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK, will obtain a copy of "The Spectator" and attempt to develop background information concerning the editors and writers of this black publication.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10650) (C)

DATE: 12/8/72

FROM : SUPV. L. C. BUTEAU

SUBJECT: BLACK STUDENT GROUPS
ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES
EM

Cases listed herein were reviewed by the Inspector during the recent inspection of the Jackson Office, at which time he instructed that these cases be closed since these cases should not be opened and investigated without prior Bureau authority under the new guidelines.

Accordingly, these cases are being closed administratively.

However, the above closing should not eliminate the responsibility of following the activities of these groups through appropriate sources and informants in order to insure that we are aware of any planned extremist activities or anticipated violence. You are all being reminded of our responsibility to keep the Bureau, other Federal agencies, and local authorities apprised of any potential violence on the campuses.

No active investigation should be conducted as regards the Black Student Union and/or similar campus groups without prior Bureau authority.

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